

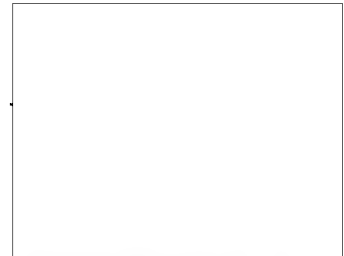
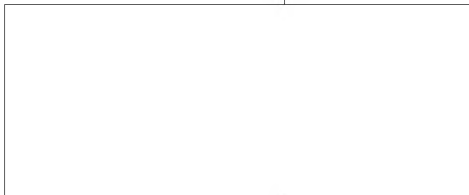
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a new railroad track which crossed the road at one point.

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The ties were obviously new. The stones in the road-bed were sharp-edged, with the appearance of having been quarried. The rails had been used so little that they had not yet been worn shiny on top. the track would run from Kusong to T'aech'on, Yongbyon (N 39-49, E 125-47), and Tokchon (N 39-45, E 126-18), and hence to an eastern terminal

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3.

the track was being built by Chinese, who had begun in 1952, and it would be single-track all the way. the line would be finished in a few months. It was referred to as the "Central Track".

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4. When the track passed near the Kusong-T'aech'on highway a new, temporary-looking bridge over a gorge. It was entirely of wood, with supports about every five meters along its length. it was not meant to be permanent.

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